

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, and the other listed noxious weeds already infest 2,428,546 acres across the state of South Dakota and are a serious threat to all South Dakota landowners; and,

Whereas, The direct economic impact of these noxious weed infestations is nearly 80 million dollars; and,

Whereas, Every noxious weed infested acre means lost revenue and additional costs to our agricultural producers; and,

Whereas, Infestations of noxious weeds result in significant decrease in biodiversity with the invasion of habitat by noxious weeds as one of the primary reasons cited for endangerment of threatened and endangered species; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's land, water, and other resources face severe impacts from these harmful, unwanted, invasive plants; and,

Whereas, Prevention, early detection, rapid response, and eradication are the most effective and least costly strategies to combat new invasive plants before they expand beyond control; and,

Whereas, Without the continuing vigilance and support of all our citizens, we will lose the use and enjoyment of the lands of our state:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State